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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 24 September 1959

FROM : Deputy for Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. [] has passed along a pertinent remark of C/WE to me. In a conversation which touched upon language training, [] remarked that he had been approached by a number of people from WH Division who wanted rotation tours in Spain, but that almost none of them spoke Spanish. This is a reflection of the lack of interest in Spanish training by WH Division.

2. The Saturday morning Institute was held for thirty instructors in the Voluntary Language Training Program on 12 September. This is the regular training and briefing session which is held for the VLTP faculty at the beginning of each semester. During this session instruction and demonstrations are given on teaching techniques and drill methods with particular emphasis devoted to the spoken language. The exercise was organized by [] The main attractions were the talks and demonstrations presented by []

[] Four of the VLTP French instructors participated in the demonstrations as a model class, for which purpose they had memorized one of the French lessons. The exercise was conducted quite informally and was studied by frequent questions and comments by the instructors. A lively discussion followed the demonstrations. Instructor response to the Institute was excellent and from many comments made by the instructors this appears to have been the best Saturday morning Institute to date.

3. The French full-time Intermediate course scheduled to begin 12 October has been cancelled. The requirements of the two persons (both from the Africa Division) who had expressed an interest in the course were more appropriately filled in other programs.

4. The part-time Basic French (Phase III) was added to our offering in French this fall. The course began Monday, 21 September with five students.

5. We have agreed to offer a Special Reading course in Russian for SR personnel. The class is to be held in "J" Building and will last from 28 September to 20 May 1960.

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None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

25X1 1. [] visited Mr. George Faust, new "Consultant for Centers", Language Development Section, in HEW. Our interest stemmed from the last Area Roundtable Meeting, which suggested an effort to explore HEW's plans for the encouragement of Area Training under the National Defense Education Act. At present, all institutions approved for financial grants toward the development of Language Centers must include some facilities for area studies.

25X1 2. The AAO for the Middle East, scheduled to begin September 28, will concentrate on Iran because the only registrants, 5 from Commo, are heading for that country. Because of the small number of registrants, the course also will be shortened. The lack of response from NE, despite efforts by T/O [] can be remedied, [] believes, by propagandizing the course with the branch chiefs rather far in advance of the course's actual running. Toward this end, [] will confer with []

25X1 [] DC/NE, this coming Monday.

25X1 3. We seem to be right back where we were six months ago in dealing with WE Division on the AAO. I reported that they have withdrawn their only two candidates at the 11th hour a week ago, and hence no briefing on Western Europe was given. Now a chance encounter with C/WE [] has revealed that he "would have had six candidates, who are going out this fall, for the first time, three of whom really needed this type of briefing." Furthermore, I find that my previous contacts in WE for lining up candidates were not the right ones, even though they had been laid on by DC/WE [] and included the Chief of Support [] and the T/O []

25X1 [] directed me to [] who, he said, handles most types of training, and who has now warmly encouraged me to take my problems to him.

25X1 4. DAD/NE (Chester Cooper) has reacted favorably to my proposition for [] to serve as consultant and co-director of our prospective Senior Area Seminar - Europe. This course will be postponed from November to January, however, to avoid ONE's peak production season in the late fall.

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25X1 [] will give us an average of one hour a week through the balance of 1959,
25X1 and about half a day a week thereafter until completion of the course. In
the coming weeks, with [] help, I plan to complete organiza-
tion of topics and reading lists, reach agreement on desirable guest
specialists, and begin direct contacts with interested divisions for the
nomination of suitable candidates, up to a maximum of 12. I intend to
establish an official schedule of a full day once a week for six weeks, with
half of each class day reserved for consultation and study.

25X1 5. [] gave an illustrated briefing in Quarters Eye on his recent
area familiarization trip throughout Africa and the Middle East, which was
attended by about a dozen IAS personnel.

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